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AT CANAL FULTON, OHIO

Will interview MARION GREENHOE, South Canal Street, Telephone Ulster 42384, regarding receipt of call from JOE MARTINEZ, Sr., at Canton, Ohio, Glendale 6C385, on 9/5/58.

AT CANTON, OHIO

- (1) Will determine to whom Ohio License M352Y is registered and if deemed advisable interview re knowledge of instant theft.
- (2) Will contact GEORGE ROTAR re his knowledge of instant theft.
- (3) Will reinterview PCI ROBERT MILLER in an effort to identify the ex-service flyer from Youngstown, Ohio, who helped fly arms to Cuba.
- (4) Will check records of Western Union re the telegram sent to LOUIS MARTINEZ at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, Miami, Florida, on 3/28/58, signed NICK.
- (5) Will interview GEORGE MIKE FLOREA re his knowledge of instant theft.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

- (1) *Will advise Detroit, Chicago, Louisville and Washington Field Offices when stops may be removed concerning stolen weapons.
- (2) Will conduct credit and criminal checks and obtain background information on ARTHUR PRINZ, who in 1945 was reported to reside in Cleveland, Telephone (no exchange) 18252.
- (3) Will locate PHILIP JAMES MAINER and ascertain whereabouts on 10/14/58, the date of instant theft, and also on 11/4/58, the date on which subject STUART SUTOR, who was arrested at Morgantown, West Virginia, with part of the guns stolen in instant theft. Refer to Pittsburgh letter to Bureau 1/13/59.

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(4) Will obtain photograph at the Cleveland Police Department of JOE BIAGIO so it may be shown to PCI JOHN APOSTOLOS to ascertain if this is the JOE BAGGY he referred to.

AT MASSILLON, OHIO

Will check records of the First National Bank to ascertain if LOUIS MARTINEZ had an account at instant bank. Will ascertain details concerning checks MARTINEZ wrote on this bank in the amounts of \$22,000, \$5,000, and \$280, signed MARTINEZ and payable to cash.

AT MINERVA, OHIO

Will identify subscriber to KI 37591 and if deemed advisable interview re their knowledge of instant theft. Refer to Cincinnati letter to Cleveland 1/20/59.

AT WOOSTER, OHIO

(1) Will display photograph of MAZIL HANNA to SALLY KRAJCIK to ascertain if she can identify him as an associate of LOUIS MARTINEZ.

(2) Will interview SALLY KRAJCIK re a letter postmarked 8/11/58 to LOUIS MARTINEZ, Ponce de Leon Hotel, Miami, Florida, regarding a "\$800 deal." Refer to New York report, 2/10/59, Page F, of the Administrative Section.

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The period dates in this report overlap those in the report of SA HAROLD E. WEIDA dated in Cleveland on January 15, 1959, due to the fact that investigative results were not available at the time of dictation of the previous report.

On 1/7/59 PCI JOHN G. APOSTOLOS advised SA JAMES E. GILLEY that SA LOUIS MARTINEZ was in his place last week waving a check around and saying that same was for \$8000. Informant advised he did not know if this was true or not; however, he observed that the check was drawn on the

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Chase Manhattan Bank. He also stated that MARTINEZ advised he planned to fly to Miami on 1/1/59 and then proceed to Cuba. Since FIDEL CASTRO had taken over in Cuba, MARTINEZ expected to be "riding the gravy train" and, in addition, PCI stated that GEORGE MIKE FLOREA stated he might also obtain a job in Cuba.

On 1/23/59 PCI ROBERT MILLER advised that GEORGE ROTAR and a man named JACK (LNU) were very thick before instant theft and they might be implicated in the theft. He was unable to furnish any details except he was of the opinion that ROTAR had access to a white Cadillac and JACK drove a grey 1957 or 1958 Chrysler with Ohio License M352Y.

Informant described JACK as white, male, five feet six inches tall, 185 pounds, age 50 to 55 years, dark complexion, and wears glasses.

PCI MILLER also advised that a man who was an ex-service flyer from Youngstown, Ohio, helped to fly arms to Cuba. He had no additional information in this regard, but indicated he would attempt to obtain more details concerning this individual.

On 1/10/59 PCI ROBERT MILLER advised SA JAMES E. GILLEY that LOUIS MARTINEZ had paid a gang at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to pull the armory job by giving them two checks which bounced. MARTINEZ later made the checks good, informant said. The informant advised he had no additional details re the checks or the Pittsburgh gang.

Informant also stated that HARRY MANGERIS had approached him about three weeks or so previously with the proposition to act as "cover man" on a job in or near Washington, D. C. This job was worth \$30,000 and they were to "knock off" a public official who had taken \$100,000 from the Cuban Rebels to purchase supplies; however, had kept the money. He stated MANGERIS did not give him any additional information and stated he would contact him later. Sometime later he ascertained MANGERIS was interviewed by a law enforcement official concerning another matter and was now afraid to move on the job. He advised that he expected MANGERIS to recontact him when things had cooled off and the job could again proceed.

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Miss THELMA HURSH, Business Office, Mansfield Telephone Company, (Protect identity) advised SA VINCENT R. NAPOLI that Pioneer 7-5596 is no longer a working number, but that in July, 1958, it was listed to HARRY R. WELCH, then residing at 307 Oxford Place, Mansfield. She said WELCH had this number from 3/24/58 to 8/8/58, when his telephone was transferred to 673 Armstrong Street, which is the Cloverleaf Mobile Village address. She said WELCH's present telephone number is PI 7-4734, and he has had this number since 8/12/58.

On 1/29/59 SALLY KRAJCIK, 1515 Lincolnway West, Wooster, Ohio, was contacted by SA NAPOLI to determine if she knew of any further developments in this matter which might be pertinent to the investigation.

KRAJCIK said she was under the impression from previous conversations with MARTINEZ after he had been released from the kidnapping charges in New York City, that he had told FBI Agents that he had been no where near Canton, Ohio, on the date of instant theft. She also stated that she had learned either through a previous conversation with FBI Agents or with MARTINEZ (she could not recall which) that information had been developed that MARTINEZ was known to have been seen in or near Steubenville, Ohio, either just before or just after the date of the theft. She said she believed MARTINEZ had been questioned about this fact, and he had denied being around Steubenville on or about the pertinent date.

Continuing, KRAJCIK stated that on an unrecalled date in December, 1958, she was talking to MARTINEZ, at which time he told her he had been to see a friend in or near Steubenville to get \$2500 from him, adding that this friend had owed him this money. She said she asked MARTINEZ, "Did you say Steubenville? Didn't you tell the FBI you were never there?" To this, according to KRAJCIK, MARTINEZ seemed to realize he made a slip in his conversation and then said, "Oh, I mean Toronto, Ohio." KRAJCIK said she did not know the name of the friend in Steubenville or Toronto, and had no way of knowing if MARTINEZ was lying about getting the money from him. KRAJCIK said she deduced from this slip by MARTINEZ that he had been in Steubenville or Toronto previously to loan his friend the money, assuming he was telling her the truth.

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KRAJCIK also informed she last saw MARTINEZ on 1/3/59, as on that date he flew to Cuba. She said he had only about \$15 in his possession, which she loaned him, as he had only a few dollars to his name. She said he left in a private plane after an attorney in Canton contacted him to advise his son-in-law was going to Cuba in a private plane and would have room for MARTINEZ if he wanted to go. Upon leaving, she said MARTINEZ told her he hopes of getting \$25,000 expense money from CASTRO, which would represent his past expenses in CASTRO's behalf. He also told her he was going to try to borrow ten million dollars from CASTRO to build the Pan-American Building in Miami, Florida.

In regard to the license numbers she previously furnished SA JAMES E. GILLEY by telephone in October, 1958, which were seen by her on cars parked together at a cafe in Wooster on the night of October 21, 1958, KRAJCIK explained she furnished those numbers as they were on cars which were similar to Fords in description and which were green in color. (It will be recalled that KRAJCIK was asked if she knew of anyone who had a green Ford or white Cadillac.) In reviewing the license numbers observed on the cars by her, as she reported them, she said she realized after she furnished the license numbers of two of the cars, that they were incorrect. She said she observed the cars parked beside the Overlook Inn, which is located next door to her house, and recognized them as belonging to employees of Aranair Corporation, and therefore, friendly with NICK TRIKILIS, as well as being possibly friendly with MARTINEZ. She said she furnished these license numbers as being on cars which might have been mistaken for green Fords.

She said she furnished one license number as being US 641, whereas this number should have been correctly reported as US 541. She said this plate is on a 1955 Green Mercury and belongs to GEORGE DEFFENBAUGH, of Wooster, who works as a salesman, she believed, for TRIKILIS at Aranair Corporation. She said VA 959 is on a 1950 two-tone grey Buick which she thought belonged to JUNIOR BRENNEMAN. She added that she has since found out that Ohio License BC 229 (which she said she furnished as VC 229) is not connected with Aranair Corporation nor is the owner associated with this situation at all. (A license check of VC 229 reveals that this license is listed to VEE A. COCCIA, 945 Washington Avenue, Wooster, on a 1954 Ford Two-door sedan).

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KRAJCIK said she was sorry she made this mistake and intended to advise the FBI of her error, but she forgot to do so.

In view of the admitted error, and in view of the fact DEFENBAUGH is an employee at Aranair, no further contacts are being made with these license owners, as mentioned above, and likewise, LESTER LITWILLER, 904 Grant Street, Wooster, will not be interviewed.

On February 4, 1959, SALLY KRAJCIK telephonically advised SA WEIDA that LOUIS MARTINEZ had been in Cuba for a month and he had called her on two occasions from Cuba and stated that he was doing very well. He advised her that if anybody in the United States had any doubts about his current status he would send a private plane to the United States to fly them down to Cuba and they could see for themselves how he was doing. MARTINEZ also stated that he was contemplating receiving \$10,000,000 from the FIDEL CASTRO Government for erecting a Pan-American Building in Miami.

Mrs. GWEN STILLWELL, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Alliance, Ohio, advised on January 23, 1959, that Telephone No. WE 5-2447 was listed to JOSEPH VALENTINE, Alliance Marlboro Road, RD Two, Alliance, Ohio.

Mrs. STILLWELL stated that WE 5-2451 was listed to ELMER DIXON, Marlboro Road, RD One, Alliance.

Inasmuch as ELMER DIXON is a member of the Ohio National Guard, Canton, no interview of him is contemplated.

On January 23, 1959, Mrs. JOSEPH VALENTINE advised that she could recall no long-distance telephone call received from the Ohio National Guard in Canton. She further related that she would have no idea why such a call should be placed to her home since her husband is not a member of the Ohio National Guard and has no connection with the Ohio National Guard.

A check of the Akron, Ohio, Crisscross Telephone Directory on 2/3/59 by SA GEORGE F. MC INTURFF, III, disclosed that JE 5-4416 is listed to the Ohio National Guard, Akron

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Armory, 161 South High Street, Akron. PO 2-2441 is listed to the University of Akron. The 1956-1957 City Directory for Akron lists one DOMINIC J. GUZZETTA as Dean, Evening Division, University of Akron.

Mr. WILLIAM DAVIS, Commercial Manager, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, North Fifth Street, Steubenville, Ohio, advised SA GLENN L. MC AVOY on January 8, 1959, that Telephone Listing KI 3-7591 is a listing from the General Telephone Company with offices at Minerva, Ohio.

Mrs. MARY ANN HALL, Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Woodsfield, Ohio, advised SA MC AVOY on January 6, 1959, that her company does not have a prefix UR in or near Barnsville, Ohio. Mrs. HALL stated it is possible that UR 9 is an error and could possibly be OR 9-3578. Mrs. HALL called the information operator at Woodsfield and ascertained that HAROLD MC MILLAN, Quaker City, Ohio, is the subscriber to Telephone No. OR 9-3578, and this number belongs to the Home Telephone Company with offices at Fairview, Ohio.

The following informants of the Cincinnati Division were contacted regarding instant theft with negative results:

CI 207-C
CI 284-C
CI 287-C
CI 344-C

A review of the Cleveland Office indices reflect that on 12/30/55 the Cincinnati Office directed a letter to the Bureau captioned HOWARD C. DERR - Complainant; VINCENT DE SIMIO; ARTHUR PRINZ; Information Concerning, which contained the following information.

On 12/13/55 HOWARD C. DEER, 968 $\frac{1}{2}$ James Street, Springfield, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Dayton, Ohio, Resident Agency and talked to SA WALTER A. BOYLE. He advised that in April, 1955, he had been contacted by VINCENT DE SIMIO and ARTHUR PRINZ, both of Cleveland, Ohio, who had asked him to try to find for them certain Government surplus

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